

ROD & GUN Chatter

By DONNA BARKDULL

Surf fishing remained in high gear last week along local beaches where those on hand had little trouble snaking in at least a few of the much sought after three pound whoppers. The strip of beach from the Redondo Breakwater to the Hermosa Pier is quite long, and the elusive barred perch could hit anywhere, but action at the present seems tops between 2nd and 5th St.

That's where Ray Hawkes and I copped a couple to bring home trophies awarded in the 1st annual three man team Perch Derby by Sunday. Teammate Carl Hami had one of his "off nights." Ray took the individual 5th heaviest perch trophy with one topping 2 pounds 12 ounces, while my 3 pound 5 ounce took first place for individual catches.

Winning teams was from the Garden Sportsmen's Club which checked in at Zuma Beach close to the dead-line Sunday afternoon with full limits sacked at the above, just south

of Hollywood Riviera. Really a nice limit as the 30 perch totaled 69 pounds making it a darn good average.

Deep sea angling showing sparks of life as yellowtail are making their presence known at the Coronados. The 1956 San Diego Yellowtail Derby now on with more boats added to the fleet to meet the demand of the ever-increasing number of participants. Rip roaring ole yellow tail season expected at the border city.

Locally nice size halibut have started to hit off Redondo and popular Santa Monica, where the monsters are usually taken. More white sea bass at Catalina last week, so anglers are having palpitations thinking of big white sea bass run expected in May around at Silver Canyon at the island. That's when all the fishing is done at night by flood lights.

April 8 several Rod and Gun Clubs will collaborate with the Fish and Game Commission. Rod and gunners are to catch barred perch with the Fish and Game boys on hand to tag and throw them back. Not much is known of their habits and the tagging, it is hoped, will bring to light many unknown facts. As of now, Hollywood Beach is the selected spot. More info to come.

Plays del Rey finally got around to setting the date and place for the next perch duel between them and the Torrance Rod and Gun. Torrance really shellacked them in the first encounter which they haven't forgotten. Trophy being fished for must be won two out of three times, so if Torrance wins again that's the end of it.

City Champs In Consolation Win

Tartar Nine Gets Blasted In Tournament

Any thoughts of the Tartars having some good baseball fortunes this season were smashed but good Monday when the locals were slaughtered by Downey in the first round of the Pomona Tournament, 14-2. Later in the day the Tartars hit a new low by being smacked, 7-5, by punchless Redondo. Coach Dave Dana's THIS nine tossed in seven errors and got only one hit in the Redondo game to complete their demise.

After bolting out to a 5-2 record early in the season, the Tartars now have lost three straight and are 5-5. The locals launch Bay League play next Tuesday here against Santa Monica at 3 p.m. Downey wrapped up the game in the first inning when Jess Hanon walked the lead-off man and Catcher Bob Michaels clubbed a homer. But the big inning came in the sixth when the winners collected five runs.

Torrance got five safeties, with Charley Valencia, Toby Venable, Dick Custer, John Emery and Tom Mills each getting one apiece. Against Redondo, the game went into the top of the seventh with the score knotted at 5-5. Lou Cook, Seahawk catcher, then unleashed a two-run homer to win it for the Redondans.

Torrance committed 11 errors in the two tourney games. Torrance ...001 001 0-2 5 4 Downey ...222 305 x-12 12 0 Hanon, Moir, Cobrea and Grajeda. Vanderpool; Kelsey and Michaels.

Redondo ...002 030 2-7 5 0 Torrance ...003 020 0-5 1 7 Carlson, Watt, Beattie and Cook; Mills, Hanon and Grajeda.

HOLLIS PLACES IN CAGE DERBY

Dick Hollis, 17, of 1564 W. 22nd St., took third place in the senior division of the Los Angeles Recreation and Park Department's Basketball Derby last week at L.A.C.C.

The derby finals, which drew participants from Oxnard to Chula Vista, pitted 74 playground champions in competition. Such skills as free throw shooting, dribbling, passing and field goal shooting comprised the derby tests.

Hollis represented Normandie Playground at the finals.

National Little Loop Sets Meeting Tuesday

Torrance National Little League will hold a meeting next Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Fern-Greenwood School, president George Cambon said this week.

Discussion of the coming season will be the main topic. All parents and friends of little leaguers are urged to attend, he concluded.

A cornstalk can grow as much as six inches in one day.

Hansen Posts Best Low in Coaches Golf

Hollywood High Coach Owen Hansen posted the best low gross of 72 at the sixth annual Football Coaches Golf Tournament held this week at Alondra Course.

Former grid mentors Babe Horrell and Cecil Hollingsworth were co-sponsors of the tourney. Following Hansen in the best low gross scoring was Paul Davis, of LA City Schools, 72, and Ken Griffin, of Los Angeles City College, 74.

The low net title went to Al Conte, of a sporting goods firm, and Franklin High Coach Phil Hicks. Both had 66's. Hinds had an 88-20-66, while Conte posted and 81-15-66.

Torrance Tennis Club Schedules Exhibition Game

Tennis enthusiasts turned out recently for the first meeting of the Torrance Tennis Club, with L. S. Moss being elected president pro tem of the group.

A special committee was appointed to work on plans for a dedication which is tentatively set for April 8. An exhibition match, featuring well-known netters, is on the fire for the special day, too.

The Torrance Recreation Department is sponsoring the new club. Other pro tem officers elected at the meeting include Grant Cotter, vice president; Marilyn Moss, secretary; Harry Karlson, treasurer, and Richard Holmes, publicity.

Also present at the affair were the following: Lawrence B. Adams, Elizabeth R. Adams, Al Frederico, Harold Dale Jr., Lew Corum, Maurice Douglass, Stan Perry, Jack Clayton, M. B. Miller, Mrs. John Billings, Bill nor Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Al Puetz Jr., Tony Mickas, Rich Malone, Dick Smith, Bob Callins, Gary Kirtley, Brian Beckman, Del Little, Skip Smith and Mrs. Dessie Hawkins.

Next regular meeting, according to a club official, has been fixed for April 11 at El Retiro Park.

COSTLY FIRE

More than three million acres of timberland were destroyed by the great fire of 1825 which swept over extensive tracts in Maine and extended into New Brunswick forests as well.

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Local Shoemen Take Cage Title

Consolation honors in the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation cage tournament went to Kenny's Shoe Repair five of Torrance Sunday when the Shoemen outlasted North American Flight Test, 72-66, at El Camino College. The locals had previously bested Thrift-D-Lux of

North Hollywood, 62-60, Saturday on the same court. In the finale, the Shoe team piled up a 15 point lead in the first period, but it melted before a second period rally by the Flyers. Halftime tally was 38-37 for Kenny's, five.

The two squads matched bucket for bucket in the final half until, with four minutes left, the locals pulled ahead by 10 points and coasted in the winner.

Bob Allen and Nick Virden, North American playmakers, kept the Flyers in the fray with their deadly shooting. Each had 22 points in the game, as did Bill Baron, of Kenny's. But the Shoemen gave much better support to their high-scorer than did the Flyers.

Markham Has 16 Fanny Markham had 16, Hal Holmes had 14, and Avery Bryant tallied 11 to aid the locals. Dean White, center, scored nine for the winners, and swept the boards clean.

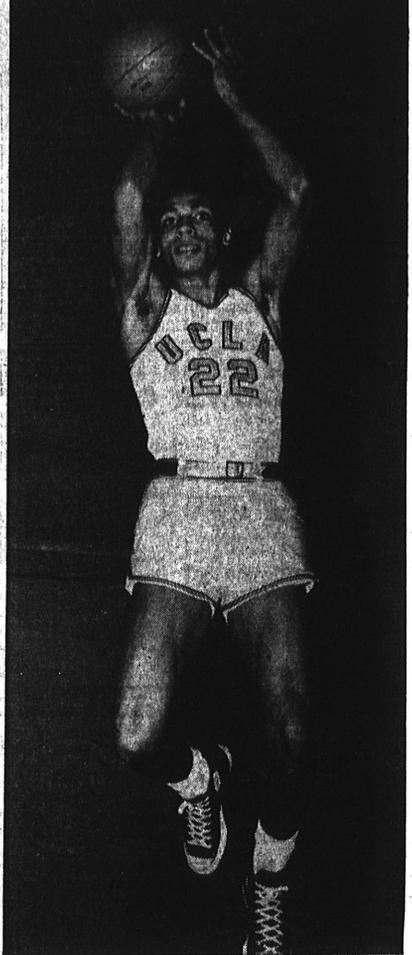
Thrift-D-Lux, with Eric Brown potting 24 points, battled the Torrance champs right down to the wire in the consolation semifinal round. The losers came on with a rush to chop Kenny's seven point bulge to a mere two, but couldn't come through with the win.

Lomita Team DeMolay King

Lomita DeMolay chapter defeated Highland Park, 18-6, at Dorsey High School Saturday to win the Southern California DeMolay touch football title.

John Brown scored two of the winners' touchdowns, taking passes from Steve Johnson for both scores. Bill Griggs dashed 60 yards for the other Lomita rally.

Members of the winning squad included Leroy Griffith, Jim Jeter, Bob Buzan, Craig Chudy, Johnson, Brown, Griggs, Sid Martin, Dale Howard, Dick Faulkner, Steve Saracco, Dan Agnew, Larry Wilson, Bob Bates, Fred Eggleston and Bud Lofton.



BRUIN GREAT... Morris Taft, UCLA's jumping-jack guard, will be guest at recreation department dinner next Thursday, Taft and San Pedro's Willie Nauls placed Westwood five to Pacific Coast Conference title. He will present awards to boys who participated in department's cage program over the past season.

Taft To Present Awards At Recreation Banquet

The Torrance Recreation Department has scheduled its second annual Father and Son Basketball Awards Night for Thursday, April 5, in the Civic Auditorium. The fête will honor all team members of the recreation department-sponsored high school and elementary boys' leagues.

Fathers and their sons will be honored guests of the Torrance Recreation Department and all of them are urged to attend.

Starting at 7 p.m. a thrilling movie will be projected on the screen showing the wizardry of the fabulous "Harlem Globetrotters," featuring Goose Tatum, the clown prince of basketball.

Morris Taft, UCLA's great guard, will be special guest for the evening and will present awards and certificates. Taft was selected on the first team of the Pacific Coast Conference. He also received honorable mention in many All-America teams.

Recreation department officials invite all boys to attend and if their fathers are unable to accompany them they are requested either to bring a friend, relative or older brother. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Midget, Pee Wee Cagers End Slate

Tall Cliff Roy hit the nets for 20 points to lead the Walteria Mudhens to a 40-28 win over the Crenshaw Globetrotters last Saturday to cap the city Midget League crown.

The Mudhens got quite a scare when Roy left the fray on fouls in the third period, but managed to stave off the Trotters for the win.

Jim Zack, Charles De Haas, Rick Gomez and Wayne Schrauber also turned in a stellar game for the winners. Jack Golphane's nine points was high for the losers. The Crenshaw Lions bagged the Pee Wee League title the same day, by stomping the Walteria Bruins, 28-17. Eddie Fratco, Lion center, potted 17 points to take high scoring honors.

Vanishing Specie: There are only about 30 whooping cranes left in the world.

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